

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Murfreesboro City Manager Roger Haley on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Roger Haley is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty years as the City Manager of Murfreesboro; Mr. Haley will soon be taking a much deserved retirement from his position; and

WHEREAS, on his watch, Murfreesboro has enjoyed a significant expansion in population and along with it, all the benefits and complications that attend such growth; the people of Murfreesboro have been most fortunate to have such a competent and diligent public servant as Mr. Haley working in their municipal government; and

WHEREAS, he oversaw the construction of many city buildings, including City Hall, the Linebaugh Public Library, and the City Parking Garage, all of which comprise a single complex in the heart of Murfreesboro's downtown; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Haley was a driving force behind the city's most ambitious Parks and Recreation Department projects, from SportsCom to Barfield Park to the Patterson Park Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the city's various public works departments have been required to grow apace along with the population, and this process has proceeded expeditiously and smoothly in large part because of Roger Haley's efforts and attention; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Rutherford County, Mr. Haley attended Crichlow School, Central High School, and Middle Tennessee State University, all in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, for two years, Mr. Haley rendered sterling service to his country in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a successful entrepreneur, Roger Haley owned and operated Murfreesboro Supply Company from 1973 to 1989; from 1979 to 1989, he also owned and operated Mr. Tool Rent-All; and

WHEREAS, one of Murfreesboro's most dedicated public servants, Mr. Haley was first elected to the City Council in 1978; he served for four years, enjoyed a three-year hiatus, and was re-elected to the Council in 1985; and

WHEREAS, he has also served the people of his community as a member of the Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Board, the Murfreesboro Recreation Commission, the Murfreesboro Airport Commission, and the Murfreesboro Golf Commission; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 to 1988, Roger Haley was Chairman of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Agency; since 1980, he has served on the Rutherford County Industrial Development Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Haley assumed the Chairmanship of the Murfreesboro Pension Committee, in which capacity he still serves today, and in 1989, he became a member of the Tennessee Municipal League's Board of Directors, on which he continues to serve as well; he also continues to hold the Vice Chairmanship of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund, a position he first assumed in 1996; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Haley was recently named as the recipient of the City Manager of the Year Award, given by the Tennessee Municipal League in recognition of his fine body of work during his long and productive tenure; and

WHEREAS, Roger Haley exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Haley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the people of Murfreesboro; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we extend to Roger Haley our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.